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AT MEETING FEB 19 OF US, UK, AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS, FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAUVAGNARGUES RAISED MATTER OF SENAT PLANS FOR COMMEMORATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF BERLIN AIRLIFT. AS FRENCH REPS HAD DONE IN BONN GROUP (REFTEL), HE SAID HE THOUGHT PLANS WERE SOMEWHAT OVERDONE, ESPECIALLY IN THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE SENAT PLANNED TO INVITE ALLIED CABINET MEMBERS AND AMBASSADORS IN BONN, AND THAT IT COULD BE WONDERED WHY ALLIES WERE MAKING SUCH A BIG FUSS NOW, IN SUCH CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES, OVER AN EVENT OF 25 YEARS AGO. BOTH US AND UK AMBASSADORS SAID THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH PRESENT PLANS, NOTING THAT ALLIES HAD RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAD DONE IN AIRLIFT AND THAT ANNIVERSARY EVENTS WOULD OVERLAP WITH ALLIED FORCES DAY CEREMONIES IN BERLIN. WHEN SAUVAGNARGUES WAS TOLD THAT SENAT APPAR-ENTLY HAS NO PLANS TO INVITE ALLIED CABINET MEMBERS HE BACKED OFF SOMEWHAT, SAYING THAT ATTENDANCE BY ALLIED CONFIDENTIAL

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